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SUBJECT: UNESCO INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR THE PROMOTION OF
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1. AS RESULT OF UNESCO EFFORTS ADVERTISE SUBJECT FUND, U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IS BEGINNING RECEIVE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM U.S. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING FOR AMERICAN PROJECTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ONE ORGANIZATION HAS RECENTLY BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION A DOCUMENT ENTITLED (APPARENTLY UNESCO PRODUCED) QUOTE, INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENTATION OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, QUOTE, LISTING SOME 50 QUESTIONS TO BE FILLED.

2. U.S. NATCOM ANTICIPATES RECEIVING IN FUTURE INCREASING NUMBER OF REQUESTS CONCERNING USE OF THIS FUND. WE ARE
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GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH ORIGIN, NATURE, AND PURPOSE OF FUND BUT STILL LACK BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WHAT ARE CRITERIA (BOTH EXPLICIT AND UNWRITTEN) FOR ELIGIBILITY? SURELY, SECRETARIAT MUST HAVE ELABORATED SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE OPENING UP PANDORA'S BOX;

(B) IN VIEW OF PAST USG RESERVATIONS ABOUT FUND, TOTAL

AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, AND SOURCE OF FUNDING (ESSENTIALLY LDC), IS IT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS OR FOR THAT MATTER INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CAN RECEIVE FUNDS? IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ALICE HILTON OF METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART (MMA) THAT POUCHPA BASS HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT \$50,000 REQUEST FROM MMA FOR PILOT PROJECT ON REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF ART WORKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS; AND (C) IS THERE A FORMAL APPLICATION (OTHER THAN ONE MENTIONED IN PARA ONE ABOVE WHICH STRIKES US AS UNBELIEVABLY LONG) FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTS?

3. OTHER QUESTIONS LIKELY OCCUR PERMDEL AS IT INVESTIGATES SUBJECT. OUR CONCERN HERE IS THAT INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FUND MAY RAISE FALSE EXPECTATIONS ON PART OF MANY AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THUS FURTHER BECLOUD UNESCO IMAGE IN U.S. NATCOM DOES NOT WISH COMPLICATE MATTER BY MISLEADING POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES, BUT, ON OTHER HAND, WOULD NOT WANT DISCOURAGE THEM EITHER. CHRISTOPHER

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